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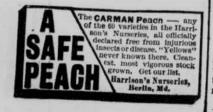
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A CURIOUS SIGHT.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

[Young People's Weekly.]

Proportionate Giving - Mal. 3: 7-19. first time to keep an account of his exyoung people for "necessary expenses" does not bear the expected proportion to that which goes for trifles. Indeed so much slips away through almost unnoticed channels that the item "sun- are." dries," standing for the dimes and nickles they cannot account for, frequently makes a very fair showing in

If most of us are inclined to underwhat we give. A s.b cription of a dollar to the missionary cause fills with a virtuous glow the hearts of many who would not think twice of spending a dollar for a concert ticket or-within a all ways at once, but just now his eyes week's t me-for fruits and confectionget a general impression that we are very generous, and that we give to Christ's cause almost beyond our means. A few columns of honest figures, comparing that which we give with what we spend on things not necessary to our comfort, would caus a good many of us to blush for shame recalling our former estimate of ours lyes. One of the admirable things about systematic hir eyes were of the sea's shifting color, giving is that it does not permit us to and his soft hair under his fisherman's shoulders—the cross of perpetual tossdeceive ovrselves in regard to what we are really doing.

The return on the part of many to the old Jewish custom of contributing a tenth has been objected to on the gr, und that it is a step backward; that all a Christian has belongs to God. Certainly the spirit behind such giving determines its worth. Somebody has tel i an amu-ing story of an old lady seventy dollars in a single y ar. Reflecting that the potato crop was bad spoke again. "Did you pray before edged rock, bruising his free arm on the referees for action. Since the law that enson, and that hens were never very prefitable, she cut down the amount of two tems, and so continuing, finally reduced her yearly contribution but obeyed silently, presently some one fade for all the pain of torn flesh and Pennsylvania, Southern Georgia, Neto thirty-five dollars. It hardly need muttered a verse of and old spell song nerves, and presently he found what vada, New Mexico, Western Virginia giving, whe her of much or little.

Wnife there may be some people whose circumstances seem to make it impossible for them to contribute a tenth of their income to the carrying on of God's work, there are many to Ely's Cream Balm is a specific for N sal whom it would be a disgrace to con-Catairh and cold in the head. This tribute so small a proportion of their tribute so small a proportion of their means. But every Christian should ask himself if he has good reason for falling behind the old Israelites in the proportionate amount be gives to God's

> It is of the first importance that his giving should be systematic. He must not let himself indulge in an indefinite idea that he is doing quite as well as could be expected of him. Not only stould he know just what he is doing but he should be certain that this is the very best he can do, and then give "not gradgingly nor of necessity." but w.th the cheerfulness that springs from a trank'ul heart.



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ALASTAIR'S CROSS.

"Rise up and come out now; it's a bonny night for us indeed-and for the Topic, December 4: Systematic and work that's afoot, Ian Ban." Thus a minute. "Your knots are fast Macdon-Almost everyone who starts for the the silent group of cragsmen and fish- the cross upright now, and the sudden penditures meets with some decided the fast shut door of Ian MacAlastair's had forced another cry from Alastair, surprises. The money spent by most cottage, perched, like a gull's nest, on but the next rough movement he bore the ridge of the stee, and shining in silence, and it was with shut lips beach at Konaldshay. "Make haste, man, make haste, and come along with sudden casting out from their midst yourself. It's tired waiting here we and smothering splash into deep water

in an orra minute here; that was all."

The door swong open now, and the speaker came out into the half light that a sullen moon gave as she slipped fitfully from cloud to cloud in the windy sky. A handsome man, this fair Ian, with eyes as blue as cornflowers, and a yellow beard that the wind was tossing were derkened and his face set with the same stern purpose that made dumb the crowd of kinfolks and neighbors around him. "Come out, Alastair!" he called, and a tall slip of a lad came cut and stood waiting by his side. His father had given him a strain of Don-Itish. But Alastair MacAlastair favor- nearer mutter of thunder stopped his ed neither fair Ian or dark Aileer, for murmuring, and the next hour laid cap was a dusky red. His eyebrows ing about from drowing to life as the were of the darkest, and against the big seas lifted him now and now broke sunburn of cheek and chin his lips showed curiously colorless, and in odd contrast to the sturdy men and straping lads around him was his extreme slenderness of build, in spite of the naked breast brought him to a knowrough blue clothes which seemed al- ledge of hunger and cold and pain. most to hide him.

who become convinced that she should Gaelic, as he stepped to his father's tried to shake the drenched hair from side, "and the time is here, Ian Mac- his eyes. "If only the sea won't east the reference and adjudication of the

of me, nei hbors?" his father said curtly, and the boy I am?" The rope had slipped from obeyed silently. When their feet were his right arm, leaving it free and the proceeded and adjudicated petitioners ankle deep in water, Ian MacAlastair next wave flung him against a sharp you slept tonight, Alastair? Yes! that's the small sharp shells that covered it. good, Strip now." His son lifted But Alastair clung fast to the rock, bankruptcy have been filed. Singularwondering eyes to Ian's gloomy face, with a light in his face that would not ly, the districts of Delawere, Eastern eyes to comprehension.

Naked hands and haked feet are all that the sea has need of:

Naked, oh, the soul must go that the ninth wave has greed of! Naked heart for the stars to sift, naked limbs for the tide to drift

Out from the shore, to come no more to the hearts that the spirits has heed of.

When the murmur died, Alastair raised his head and looked round on the darkened faces with a flickering smile on his pale mouth. "Is it to drown myself you've brought me here er will you do it. Ian MacAlastair? I'll lift no finger to stop you, for long have I been knowing I was the needless mouth and useless hand among you, and my red head bringing bad luck to your nets all the summer. Only I'd take it kindly if you would do it quickly, friends-because it's bitter cold it s waiting here."

"You shall not be waiting long, Alastair," Ian said heavily, "and neither will you drown yourself nor we you. We will be giving you a chance, though not in Ronaldshay."

"Ronaldshay I know," Alastair said quietly, "and it's glad I would be if you would kill me here with your own hand, father—No"—His hand slipped from his father's shoulder. "Then have your will and your way, Ian MacAlastair, I'll not gainsay you."

"There's the moon" Ian said at last, "now make ready." He stooped and dragged some dark object at his feet a ittle higher up the beach, so that its ower end only lay in the sea. Alastair glanced at it and saw that it was a tree trunk, wood covered and barnacle grown with washing about in the heavy sea. Upon it a spar was lashed cross-

Alastair looked at it a moment longer, then, in objectionce to a gesture from his father, laid himself down upon it with his arms outstretched. Then Macdonald and another man stooped over him, lashing his feet together and then securing his arms to the crosspiece just above the elbows. Two stout ropes held him by the shoulders and went over his body, crossing on the breast, and these were drawn so tightly that Alastair, after enduring with clinched teeth for a minute, was forced to cry out. "Loosen it," Ian

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others obeyed. "I am safe now," Alastair said, smiling, as they drew back from him for a voice eried aloud from the midmost of ald, and so are-ah!" They had raised ermen that stood waiting hourly round strain upon his overwrought nerves and quiet eyes that he endured the

"A boat will be picking you up may-"Aye, aye, it's ready and coming I be, but you will not be coming back to am, Macdonald, but hasty work is aye Ronaldshay, Judas MacAlastair!" Macill work, and I was saying a bit prayer donald shouted after him, but Alastair called no curse back, as those on shore half expected. He did not even turn his head to look at the shore, but lay still upon his cross, taking with the same quictness the stinging of the salt spray in his eyes and the tingling pain in his bound limbs.

"Naked limbs—the sea has need of," Alastair whispered presently. "Does the sea want me any more than the land does, I wonder? Oh, but it's cold, cold!" s' udder ng as one way after another door over his naked body. I wish the wind would rise, then I would get a chance of drowning. Is that a mutter of thunder? I ish blood as well as Celtic, and his wish it were. Mother, are you sormother had been kindly Irish of the rowful somewhere for me tonight?' A another cross upon Alastair's burdened over him in a clatter of yellow foam. When the stress of the storm went by, Alastair had fainted, but presently the or locality, and shows that the large splash of some tossing wrack upon his class of men who have been unfortu-

"The fish will be plenty next cast, "I am here," he said, speaking in I'm thinking," Alastair gasped as he sanse, and so sat down to figure up its Alastair says. And what do you want me up at their very doors-or then they petitions for the reason that the Suwill be thinking I'd come back again preme Court has not promulgated the "Go down to the beach, Alastair," to haunt them. Is it coming loose that changed the wonder in Alastair's he was seeking-a crevice through which he could thrust his fingers. therein have applied to be abjudged When his hand was fixed fast in the bankrupt. jagged hole, the light deepened and softened in Alastair's face.

"This is good, this is better," he still this will not hurt my own folks, for this rock is not Ronaldshay. * * * Kind, kind, after all, are you, sea o me, kinder than I dared hoped you'd be." And now a big wave lifted him softly and turned him over on his face still anchored to the rock by his right hand. The weight of the cross on his back pressed him down an arm's length no more, and then the sea that he had loved very gently took the soul of Alastair McAlastair to itself.

At long last fishermen from the island of Eday found him still bound to his cross.

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ashore with them and buried cross and all in their windy hill graveyard, where lie those few men of Eday that the

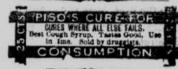
And the story of Cross Alastair is a woeful story in the North isles to this day .- Black and White.

THE NATIONAL BANKRUPT LAW

The annual report of the Attorney-General embraces a review of the operation of the Lational bankruptcy law of July 1, 1898, which has been prepared by Mr. E. C. Brandenburg, in charge of bankruptcy matters in the Department of Justice. Mr. Brandenburg, who is preparing a book on bankruptcy, briefly reviews similar past legislation and details the operation of the feature of the law permitting persons to become voluntary bankrupts which took effect August 1, 1898. From this report it appears that the applicants for relief have been found in every walk of life, irrespective of class nate in their business enterprises have availed themselves of the relief offered. Notwithstanding the law has been in force over three months, the courts in eight districts declined to proceed with rules, forms and orders required by the act. In all other cases the courts have bankrupt, or have referred the cases to took effect 1,700 petitions in voluntary and Wyoming show that no persons

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